

Library Redesign

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To: Fernway Faculty

Hi Folks,

I wanted to share the reasons that we are trying a new layout for the library, as well as give you a chance to let me know your thoughts and concerns. So please read on when (if!) you get a moment to spare.

I've been discussing this change with Claudia and Kristen, with the goal of accomplishing two things:

1. Students being able to see the screen from their table seats
2. Create more privacy between the library and the computer lab

With the previous layout, the students were not able to view the screen from their seats because the bookshelves blocked a good portion of their sightline. This meant that I was keeping students on the storytime rug for most of the class, which limited the types of activities I could use and was obviously not ideal for class management.

When I came in last Friday, the mobile shelves had been pushed up against the walls to make room for a meeting Thursday night. I figured this was a good time to try out a new design, since the shelves needed to be moved anyway.

Please know that this is a work in progress and we are open to concerns that would result in changes big or small to the design we are trying.

One of the concerns expressed has been a space for teachers to conduct individual assessments with a student while being able to observe the rest of their class working on the computers. A temporary solution is that we can pull the table that is closest to the printer over a bit, so you could work from there and still see your class. We'll continue to brainstorm ways that we can make this work for everyone.

Thanks to those who have already shared their thoughts with us and please speak up if you have concerns or ideas about this.

Best,
Rob